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Rep. Phil Roe United States House of Representatives 336 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Roe,

On behalf of Concerned Veterans for America, I would like to offer our strong support for the VA Accountability First Act of 2017, which would provide much-needed accountability for employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The VA has been failing veterans for years, in part because it is nearly impossible to terminate bad employees who continually reinforce a toxic culture within the department. Until poorly-performing and negligent VA employees understand there will be consequences for misconduct, the ongoing reports of fraud, abuse, and neglect will continue. The VA Accountability First Act of 2017 will help to correct the toxic culture within the VA by empowering VA leadership with the ability to get the bad employees out faster. The bill will allow the VA leadership to create a positive culture for both veterans who use the VA and the many VA employees who sincerely want to serve them.

Concerned Veterans for American strongly supports this legislation, and we thank you for addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Daniel Caldwell